

Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Unpaid Financial Contributions: Suspension of the Right to Vote

This Circular Communication serves as notification of the current voting status of any countries with unpaid Financial Contributions as at 5 July 2021.

Financial Regulation F.2. provides that:

If a Contracting Government's annual payments, including any interest due, have not been received by the Commission by the earliest of these dates:

- 3 months following the due date; or
- the day before the first day of the next Biennial or Special Meeting of the Commission or Meeting of the Bureau if such a meeting is held within 3 months following the due date; or,
- in the case of a vote by postal or other means, the date upon which votes must be received if this falls within 3 months following the due date, the right to vote of the Contracting Government concerned shall be suspended as provided under Rule E.2 of the Rules of Procedure.

In view of the Bureau Meeting due to take place on 6 July 2021, the following Contracting Governments currently have arrears of contributions and therefore their right to vote is currently suspended:

Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, Congo, Rep, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, India, Italy, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Oman, Palau, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Solomon Islands, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Sweden, Tanzania, Togo, Tuvalu, Uruguay.

Contracting Governments are urged to send payment of arrears as soon as possible. Timely payment of contributions is essential to ensure that the Commission can meet its financial obligations. Furthermore, due to the challenges caused by COVID-19 it is more likely that intersessional decision making may be required. Sending payment of contributions ensures that each country will be able to participate should any decision-making process be needed, including postal voting.

The Commission is grateful for your ongoing engagement in the work of the IWC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrej Bibic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrej Bibic
Chair, IWC